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Invention: ROPE LOCKING DEVICE WITH  
AUTOMATIC SAFETY  
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before preparing the first Office Action for the above captioned case.

AMENDMENT

**In the Specification**

On page 5, line 32 please add --In a preferred embodiment, grooves 92 are funnel shaped.-- after "Y-shaped slots 92."

No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any additional deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 10-0435 with reference to our attorney docket number (29947/93100).

Respectfully submitted,

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